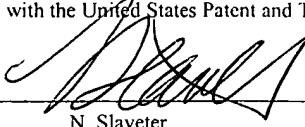


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Responsive to the final Office Action dated July 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections.

AMENDMENTS

Please add the following new claim:

24. A method according to claim 2 wherein nucleic acids are bound to the silica particulate carrier via hydrogen bonds formed between hydroxyl groups on the particle surfaces of the carrier and bases of the nucleic acids.